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This is in reply to the voicemail message that you left for me yesterday, Tuesday, 3 October 2006. Therein you asked if the final rejection mailed on 21 September 2006 had given full consideration to the priority claims, notably that for application 09440214 (issued as US006600497B1).

Both priority documents (US007020845B1 as well as the '497 patent cited above) were considered but found not to be helpful to patentability because they do not appear to teach "bids" or any variation thereof (i.e., bid, bidding, etc.).

If applicant believes that "bids" and all the other limitations of the two independent claims are disclosed in either of the priority documents, arguments providing specific evidence should be submitted after final.

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